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Weather May Delay Issuing Moose Permits for Minto Flats

Blowing snow may interfere with plans to issue registration permits for a moose hunt in the Minto Flats.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game staff members were planning to travel to Minto on Wednesday, January 5, to issue permits for moose hunt RM785, but heavy snow falling along the Elliot Highway and forecasts for high winds may force a change in plans.

If the Elliot Highway to Minto is closed by the Department of Transportation, ADF&G staff will travel the next day the road is opened. Fish and Game staff will record a message at 459-7386 and update it on a regular basis to keep hunters aware of plans to issue permits.

"We are in touch with DOT, and will know by 10:00 am Wednesday morning if the road is open. If it is, we'll go to Minto. If it's not, we'll get there the next day the road is open," said Fish and Game Information Officer Cathie Harms.

"Many people are interested in this hunt, and we don't want to change plans, but we can't issue permits if we can't get there," Harms said.

A total of 36 permits will be issued to hunters on a first come first served basis in Minto. The season will open January 10-February 28, 2005, with a bag limit of one moose.

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